

REMARKS

The title of the invention was amended, as suggested by the Examiner.

The paragraph "Cross-reference to related application was amended, as suggested by the Examiner.

Correction of the misspelled word "benzyloxy" was not considered necessary *in this amendment* because this term was already corrected in the preliminary amendment.

The rejection of Claims 1 – 3 and 8 over the cited *Huisgen* (Tetrahedron letters) reference is respectfully traversed. Applicant is of the view that the allegedly anticipating compound of the reference (drawn on page 4 of the Office Action) does not fall into the scope of these claims. This is because in the claimed compound the amine (NH) group is attached to an aromatic ring. In contrast, in the allegedly anticipating compound the amine (NH) group is attached to a non-aromatic, only partially saturated ring. Nevertheless, in order to make the claims even more remote from the cited compound, Claim 1 was amended so that the variable **B** can no longer be hydrogen.

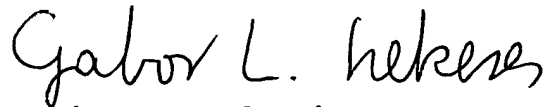
Claim 1 was amended to exclude coverage of non-elected subject matter. It is emphasized that none of these amendments were made to avoid prior art, or for patentability.

In view of amended claim 1, drawn only to elected subject matter, all pending claims are sincerely believed to be in *prima facie* allowable condition and their early allowance is respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner is of the opinion that a telephone conference with the undersigned attorney would materially facilitate the final disposition of this case, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted

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